

Johnson County Library's

BOOKS TO GROW

Kit Theme: **Cowboys**

- Book titles included:

1. **COWBOY ABC** by Chris L. Demarest
2. **SING, SOPHIE** by Dayle Ann Dodds
3. **YIPPEE-YAY!** by Gail Gibbons
4. **COWBOY BUNNIES** by Christine Loomis
5. **HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION** by Mark Teague

- Video:

PECOS BILL

- Audio:

COWBOY SONGS

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

LOUELLA MAE SHE'S RUN AWAY by Karen Beaumont Alarcon
JIGSAW JACKSON by David Francis Birchman
TYRANNOSAURUS TEX by Betty G. Birney
WINNI ALLFOURS by Babette Cole
SHOOTING STAR: Annie Oakley the Legend by Debbie Dadey
NELL NUGGET AND THE COW CAPER by Judith Ross Enderle
THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY by Percival L. Everett
CASEY'S NEW HAT by Tricia Gardella
ROSIE AND THE RUSTLERS by Roy Gerrard
WAGONS WEST by Roy Gerrard
JALAPENO HAL by Jo Harper
MATTHEW THE COWBOY by Ruth Hooker
HOME ON THE RANGE: Cowboy Poetry selected by Paul B. Janeczko
THE COWBOY AND THE BLACK-EYED PEA by Tony Johnston
HOME ON THE BAYOU by G. Brian Karas
COWBOY DREAMS by Dayal Kaur Khalsa
FOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS by Eric A. Kimmel
THE SHERIFF OF ROTTENSHOT: Poems by Jack Prelutsky
MEANWHILE BACK AT THE RANCH by Trinka Hakes Noble
SHOWDOWN AT LONESOME PELLET by Paul Ratz de Tagyos
RATTLESNAKE STEW by Lynn Rowe Reed
COWBOYS by Glen Rounds
ONCE WE HAD A HORSE by Glen Rounds
COWBOY COUNTRY by Ann Herbert Scott
THE LEGEND OF LIGHTNING LARRY by Aaron Shepard
GRANDPA WAS A COWBOY by Silky Sullivan
THE POLKA DOT HORSE by Elizabeth Thiel
DO COWBOYS RIDE BIKES? by Kathy Tucker
WHITEFISH WILL RIDES AGAIN by Arthur Yorinks



Activity Ideas – Cowboys

- Let the children “pan for gold.” Fill a water table or large bucket with water and pebbles, buttons and maybe sand or dirt. Provide children with a colander or screen to sift through the water and tongs to pick out their “gold.”
- Cowboys in the West sometimes rode Appaloosa horses. These horses had brightly spotted coats in a range of tans, browns, grays and reddish browns. They have wildly spotted hindquarters. Let the children make Appaloosa-style designs for notepaper and bookmarks by pressing fingers or thumbs into brown or black ink pad and making a pattern around the edge of the paper.
(From *Westward Ho! Activity Guide to the Wild West* by Laurie Carlson)
- Cowboys used spoons, shakers and other noise makers to sing by the campfire. Make homemade instruments to use as you listen to the “**Cowboy Songs**” audiotape. Simple shakers can be made using an empty coffee can and lid, half-filled with rice, dried peas or small pebbles. Read *Sing, Sophie!* for a new appreciation of cowboy songs.

FIVE LITTLE COWPOKES

Five little cowpokes (*Hold up five fingers.*)

Sittin’ on a gate (*Dangle fingers over fist.*)

The first one said “Gee rodeos are great!” (*Make motion as if twirling rope.*)

The second one said “Thar’s buzzards in the air.” (*Move hands back and forth like birds in the air.*
May need to explain buzzard.)

The third one said “But we don’t care!” (*Shake head emphatically “NO!”*)

The fourth one said “Let’s watch the horses run!” (*Climb up on horses very exaggerated, then*
gallop in place.)

The fifth one said “I’m ready for some fun!” (*Whoop, hollar, and twirl lariat again.*)

Woooooo Went the wind!

And off went their hats (*Make motion as if hat flew off head.*)

And five little cowpokes fell from where they sat. (*They all fall down!*)

A COWBOY NEEDS A HORSE

Now a cowboy needs a horse, needs a horse, needs a horse,

And he oughtta have a rope, have a rope, have a rope.

He oughtta have a song, have a song, have a song.

If he wants to keep ridin’.

A cowboy needs a hat, needs a hat, needs a hat

And a pair of fancy boots, fancy boots, fancy boots

And a set of spurs, shiny spurs, shiny spurs

If he wants to keep ridin’, ridin’ aloonnnggg!

HAPPY TRAILS

Happy Trails to you until we meet again.

Happy trails to you, keep smilin’ until then.

Who cares about the clouds when we’re together?

Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.

Happy trails to you ‘til we meet again.



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